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**CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
1ST FLOOR ICN ROOM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
215 EAST 7TH STREET
DES MOINES, IA
MAY 5, 2010
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

Present: Tom Ferguson (Presiding); Rep. Clel Baudler; Paul Fitzgerald; Abraham Funchess; Clarence Key, Jr.; Sen. Keith Kreiman; Michelle Leonard; Ross Loder; Julie Miller for Tomas Rodriguez; Lettie Prell; Catherine Reaman-Gerdes; Sherri Soich; John Spinks, Jr.; Kathy Stone; Rep. Kurt Swaim; Tom Walton

Staff: Paul Stageberg; Phyllis Blood; Dave Kuker; Julie Rinker-Lind

Absent: Gary Kendell; Tomas Rodriguez; Sen. Pat Ward

Guests: Mike Coveyou; Cathy Engel; Bill Freeland; Deborah Helsen; Anna Hyatt-Crozier

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Tom Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made at this time.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mike Coveyou for his years of service to the Council. A similar certificate will be presented to Phil Douglas, who was unable to attend.

II. Approval of January 6, 2010 Minutes

Lettie Prell moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Clarence Key. The motion carried.

III. Human Rights Reorganization

Paul Stageberg, CJP Division Administrator, presented information regarding legislation that passed during the last session that changes the structure of the Department of Human Rights. The Department will now comprise three divisions—Community Advocacy and Services, Community Action, and CJP. The purpose of the reorganization was primarily a cost saving measure and should result in more sharing of resources by

the divisions. Stageberg noted that division administrators are now appointed by the department director rather than the governor.

a. Election of Vice Chair

The enacted legislation also changes the make up of the Human Rights Council to include representatives from each of the divisions' advisory councils; and requires a vice chair to be named within each council. The duties of the vice chair include presiding at meetings in the absence of the chair.

John Spinks volunteered to assume the duties of Vice Chair and there was consensus to approve him to that position.

b. Human Rights Council Representative

Stageberg reviewed the role of representatives to the Human Rights Council.

The following individuals volunteered to serve as representatives: Clarence Key, Gary Kendall, and Sherri Soich. There was consensus to submit their names to Preston Daniels, Human Rights Director, as potential representatives from the CJJP Advisory Council.

IV. Public Safety Advisory Board

Stageberg reviewed the purpose of the legislation and changes to the Advisory Council mandated in the code revisions. Senator Kreiman gave credit to colleagues in attendance. He stated there was consensus that a public safety advisory board was prudent—rather than creating legislation as a reaction to a particular event, the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) has the opportunity review current code, make suggestions, and conduct analyses related to cost, victims, and reason. Kreiman also credited Stageberg and CJJP staff for their assistance.

Stageberg noted that the Council could either choose to make appointments to a separate advisory board or serve in that capacity. The legislation includes funding for two additional staff positions in CJJP. The positions will be posted after July 1.

Ross Loder noted it would be helpful to have two or three examples from other states regarding structure and general operations of similar boards.

The Council agreed to meet in July to further discuss the options and make up of the PSAB.

V. Division update

Stageberg announced the retirement of Eric Sage, Program Planner, and noted it was unclear at this time whether or not the position will be filled.

Stageberg noted that a presentation by Dave Kuker regarding juvenile justice activities would be presented later in the meeting. Stageberg noted the following regarding the Division update:

- The ICYD (Iowa Collaboration on Youth Development) has been meeting with school administrators from targeted communities regarding dropout issues. The goal is to achieve a 90% graduation rate by 2020.
- EUDL (Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws), a project of Eric Sage, has been transferred to other CJJP staff.
- Jail monitoring and compliance with the OJJDP continues.
- Work continues on the following projects:
 - PRI (Prisoner Re-entry Initiative) – Second Judicial District
 - STAR Evaluation – Mitchellville
 - Family Drug Court – statewide
 - Drug Task Force in Marion County
 - Dual Diagnosis – First Judicial District
 - PSN (Project Safe Neighborhoods) – statewide
 - Prison Population Forecast
 - JDW (Justice Data Warehouse)
- The CJJP website continues to be a resource for many. April statistics show 727 visits, 524 new visitors.
- The CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) project now includes participation by 76 state and local agencies. Traffic citations can now be transmitted in 2.9 seconds

VI. Other Legislative Changes

Phyllis Blood reviewed 2010 legislative changes of interest to the Council, some having the potential to be monitored.

In addition to the list of legislative changes to be monitored, there was consensus to remove HF 2473 and add HF 2287 and HF 2377 to the monitoring list. Additionally, HF 2456 will be monitored for juveniles, but delayed for adults since the legislation states that warnings will be issued to adults during the first year. HF 2287 will be monitored for awhile to determine if there are convictions.

Lettie Prell requested that SF2344 be monitored regarding the effects of the Department of Corrections phasing out the violator program. Admissions to the program ceased on May 1. Participants already enrolled in the program will continue. Blood and Prell agreed to jointly monitor this program and will meet to further discuss a strategy to do so.

VII. CJ Council Report/Public Safety Advisory Report

Blood reminded the Council that, by statute, the report to the Legislature is due February 15, but is usually submitted in January during the first week of Session. The Public Safety Advisory Board is required to submit a report by December 15. The legislation is clear that the duties of the two entities are separate and distinct. During the next meeting, the contents of the first report will need to be addressed. This could include legislation to be monitored as well as information to be provided to the Sex Offender Research Council. Blood thought it would be prudent to include information regarding how the Public Safety Advisory Board may be of assistance to the Legislature.

VIII. Casey/DMC Update

Dave Kuker, Juvenile Justice Specialist with CJJP, provided historical information leading up to recent activities. He reviewed the overrepresentation of African Americans in the juvenile justice system as well as

the high rates of expulsion and suspension of minority students and school referrals to the juvenile court system.

A detention screening instrument has been piloted in Polk, Black Hawk, and Woodbury counties, with approximately 700 instruments collected. The purpose of the instrument is to sift out those youth who pose a high risk to public safety and failure to appear, while avoiding the referral of low level offenders to detention. Future plans include expansion of the screening instrument to other metro areas in the state.

Stageberg noted that research indicates higher recidivism rates for low risk youth when referred to detention. There is a need to develop alternatives and avoid exposing low risk youth to high risk offenders.

Although Black Hawk and Polk Counties have reduced detention by 40% for low risk youth, disparity remains a concern. Since African American youth appear to have more criminal history, work continues to develop a racially-neutral detention screening instrument that is not so reliant on criminal history.

Detention alternatives include in-home detention, tracking/monitoring, youth shelters, etc. In the pilot study, only 15% of youth who scored for alternatives received them. An Implementation Committee has been seated to monitor the screening instrument efforts and review school policy regarding the referral of youth from schools to the juvenile court system. Efforts include policy and procedures for dealing with misbehavior versus delinquent behavior in the school setting.

RFP's have been issued to collect school referral data as well as the development of curriculum for Cultural Competency training. Kuker reported that the deadline for submission of the two RFP's is May 21.

IX. Council issues or concerns

There was no business to come before the Council.

X. Other business

There was no business to come before the Council.

XI. Future meeting dates

There was consensus to meet July 21, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Fitzgerald, seconded by Julie Miller. The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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